

EAGE

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ASSOCIATION OF
GEOSCIENTISTS &
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Research Committee

WINTER MEETING 2007

Date: **19 January 2007**

Venue: DITAG - **Politecnico di Torino**

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Timing **9.30 - 16.00**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting started at 9,00 present:

D. Calcagni, V. Socco, G. King, A. Vesnaver, G. Lambaré, E. Loinger, F. Rocca, M. Francis, J. Virieux, C. Deplante, J. Soldo (tel)

Thanks to V. Socco and the Politecnico of Torino for hosting the EAGE Research Committee

1) Apologies

The chairman and the organiser have received the apologies from:

C. Zwach, G. Drijkoningen, K. Wapenaar, S. Shapiro, Y Wang, T. Alkhalifah, K. Helbig, L. Nicoletis, S. Spitz, R. Ghose, B. Ursin, J. Mann, M. Tygel, E. Robein, H. Potters, M. Peltoniemi, P. Lanfranchi; E. Vershuur; C. Macbeth

2) Welcome to new members/resignations

The Chairman has welcome two new members that joined the committee: M. Francis, C. Deplante
The Chairman has also informed the meeting of the resignations by O. Dubrule.

3) Previous Meeting minutes approval

The meeting approved the minutes of the Summer meeting held in Wien at the Annual Conference

4) Items from Summer meeting in Wien still pending.

-Membership :

Suggestion was made that a clearer procedure should be set up for nomination of new RC members. Action : (new) Chairman to make a proposal to be discussed at the Winter meeting.

A Procedure has been prepared and approved during the meeting

List of topics :

Herald suggests that each topic on the list should be completed by a few lines explaining the goal / stake / issues of the WS : that would drastically help the selection process.

Such approach has become part of the selection process applied during the meeting.

5) Liaison with SEG RC

The meeting has approved that J.Soldo will act as Liaison with the SEG RC. Juan Soldo has been indicated by the SEG RC during their meeting in October in New Orleans

6) EAGE RC meeting structure revision

The committee has approved the new structure of RC meetings in order to have a more incisive WS selection process and feeding their decisions into the TPC decisional process for the Annual Conference and the other WS, that are integral part of the RC committee duties.

The decision of calling two meetings per year has been confirmed. Accordingly there will be two meetings:

Winter meeting:

It is the more important of the two. The meeting duration is established in one day. The venue will be selected year by year with one volunteer that will host the Committee.

The winter meeting will be the operational one in which all the decisions will be taken.

During the meeting will be carried out the selection of all Workshops pertinent to the RC and for the year of consideration. No further voting and selection will be carried out at the Summer meeting.

Any subject or item of different nature (e.g. procedures, RC strategies etc) needing of a decision from the committee will be analysed during the Winter meeting only.

Summer meeting:

The meeting duration is established in one hour. It will be called as usual during the EAGE Annual Conference and the venue will be selected within the facilities hosting the conference.

The Summer meeting will be a moment for information of all members but mainly is the moment in which members are encouraged to propose new subjects for WS or item on which concentrate before putting them under decision during the Winter meeting. No votes will be cast during such meeting.

7) RC Chairman assignment duration

The meeting has thoroughly evaluated the possible two models introduced by the Chairman for the mandate duration:

2 years + the possibility of a renewal of other 2 years, or, alternatively, a single mandate of three years.

The final choice has been the 2 years + 2 years model

8) RC Chairman Election Procedure

The meeting has approved the Procedure in annex 1

The procedure will be published in the RC Web space in the EAGE Web site

9) Membership Procedure

The meeting has approved the Procedure in annex 2

The procedure will be published in the RC Web space in the EAGE Web site

10) Web page status and selection of the web page keeping team

The Chairman has informed the meeting that the RC has an active Web space inside the EAGE Web site.

The Page is operational but still under construction. At the moment the chairman is responsible for the feeding of content in the Web space.

The meeting concurred on the necessity of creating a Web Team responsible of preparing a project for the space and a business case to be submitted for consideration to the Board and the BO for implementation.

The team will be responsible for the up dating of content.

The ultimate responsible of all Web space dedicated to the RC activities is the RC Chairman.

No content of any nature could be published without express approval of the RC Chairman.

During the meeting a new Team the “Web Team” has been formed and endorsed.

The Team is composed by the following RC members:

M. Francis (team leader), G. Lambaré, G. King, J. Soldo, V. Socco, J. Virieux.

The team should conclude the planning of the Web space by the Summer meeting call in London 2007.

Until the new proposal will be endorsed by the Board and implemented, the meeting has decided that temporarily the RC will carry on by preparing the contents and having them published via the IT dpt of the EAGE BO. The Chairman will act as liaison.

11) Workshop selection methodology

From the present meeting and until further notice the following general rule will apply:

Anybody submitting a subject for a WS for consideration must be Convenor of the event, or, alternatively, presents the subject with a convenor already available and informed of the task.

It is also requested one or two slides presenting the workshop purpose, the Title and a few lines explaining the goal / stake / issues of the WS.

WS with no Convenor already identified will be not voted.

The Selection process to be used until further notice from the committee will be the following:

Phase 1) the committee at the Winter meeting will decide the quota allocation within the different families of WS to be selected, assigning them upon the indication of which balance it is requested by the TPC. The families to be decided on are the following:

Seismics; Potential Methods and Mining, Borehole Seismic and Logging, Discipline Integration, Near Surface, Geology, “out of the box” Blue Sky.

Phase 2) the Committee at the Winter meeting will then proceed to the voting of all the admitted WS. Each member has three votes only to cast.

Only one round of votes it is foreseen. In case of ex-aequo results within certain families a second round of votes will be cast in order to obtain a ranking.

The Chairman after the meeting will officialise the choice to the TPC Chairman.

12) Workshop selection

In accordance on the above mentioned Selection criteria the Committee has selected the following WS:

Annual Conference 2008

Seismics:

- 1) Full Wave Inversion (Convenors: Plessix, Operto) proposed by G. Lambaré
- 2) Reducing Cycle Time from Acquisition to Seismic Interpretation (Billette, Le Stunf) proposed by G. Lambaré
- 3) Geophysical Myths (Spare) (Convenor C. Deplante) proposed by C. Deplante

Near Surface:

- 4) Integrating Satellite data and Seismic for Near Surface Characterization (Convenors Rocca, Vesnaver) proposed by A. Vesnaver

Discipline Integration

- 5) Visualization: is anything left to do? (Casini Ropa, Marini, possibly Robein) proposed by D. Calcagni

Geology

- 6) Multiscale/dimensional/data Interpretation Scaling and Workflows proposed by C. Deplante

EAGE Research WS

Deliberate Exploration of Unconventional Resources and Plays. (convenors Dutta, Soldo) proposed by G. King and J. Soldo

From 16,00 hrs the Chairman has been in teleconference with the SEG RC Winter meeting in order to improve the synergy with the two committees, and avoid duplications and/or overlap in the selection of subjects and event organization.

As a result it appeared that also the SEG RC has indicated a strong interest for a workshop on the Unconventional Resources to be considered as Joint EAGE-SEG Summer Research WS with the following title:

"Exploration for Unconventional Resources COMBINED (Gas Hydrates, Heavy Oil, Coal bed Methane, Shale Gas, etc.)"

After a bit of debate a preliminary agreement has been taken such: if EAGE will lead the organization of their SRWS, it should be organised either in Canada or South America, Will EAGE not willing to act in that direction EAGE will organise the WS in 2008 as SRWS, SEG will have a

similar WS in San Antonio during the Annual Convention and have to select a different Joint SEG-EAGE SRWS.

In accordance to what agreed the EAGE RC Chairman has circulated the following three possible scenarios to receive concurrence from the RC members by end of business Thursday 25th Jan 2007.

Scenario 1)

Organising the EAGE SRWS in Canada. There are Pros and Cos of course and in any case the SEG RC has to come back with a new proposal for the Joint SEG-EAGE Summer WS.

Scenario 2) Organising the EAGE SRWS in Europe: we will end with two WS on the same subject in a very short time. The experience of two WS on the same subject as is going to happen this year about the Noise is in my modest opinion to be avoided

Scenario 3) Combining the two convening teams (EAGE and SEG) on the Unconventional Reserves leaving to SEG the challenge of organising the Joint EAGE-SEG Summer Research WS in the States (2008 is their turn).

Promote our Spare WS " Geophysical Myths" at the level of the Summer Research WS and organise it in Europe. By this third scenario I see a terrific opportunity in having a truly joint Summer Research WS creating an opportunity to a different approach to the Joint SRWS: the alternation among the two organizations in organising the event will be respected but the synergic effect of having a truly mixed convening team is more close to my idea of a joint WS.

The large majority of the members has voted for the Scenario 3.

Accordingly, the final selection of WS for 2008 for consideration to the TPC and eventually the Board for the final endorsement is the following:

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Geology

- 5) Multiscale/Dimensional/Data Interpretation Scaling and Workflows (C. Deplante)

EAGE Research WS

Geophysical Myths (Convenor C. Deplante) proposed by C. Deplante

JOINT EAGE/SEG Summer Research WS

Deliberate Exploration of Unconventional Resources and Plays. (Convenors Dutta, Soldo) proposed by G. King and J. Soldo

All the selected WS need TPC and Board endorsement before being officially confirmed.

12) Issues for the BO (Business Office)

J. Virieux has reinforced the necessity in a revision of the fees for the academy and the quota of free admission for Posters and student available to convenors of WS.

The committee consider this an important issue.

Action: Chairman inform P. Lanfranchi TPC and liaison with Board and BO

13) Issues for the Board

No specific issue for the board has been envisaged by the committee a part from the previous point.

14) AOB

A. Vesnaver has requested to not mention any longer activities related to G. Hermann in respect of his untimely death.

Action: Chairman to verify documents.

The meeting has been closed at 16,00hrs

D. CALCAGNI
EAGE RC Chairman